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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 360-4-15

SUBJECT: PER-SAFETY AND HEALTH

Purpose. To provide information on Bridgestone/Firestone Voluntary Safety Recall.

Expiration Date. January 31, 2005.

Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire announced that it is initiating a voluntary safety campaign in the United States to replace approximately 297,000 Steeltex Radial A/T tires in size LT265/75R16 LR D (Load Range D) on 2000-2002 and some early 2003 model year Ford Excursions. Consumers who bought these vehicles will receive free replacement tires.

The tires were manufactured in Joliette, Quebec, beginning in March 1999 through December 2002. Firestone no longer manufactures the Steeltex Radial A/T size LT265/75R16 LR D and will replace these tires with the Steeltex Radial A/T tire size LT265/75R16 LR E (Load Range E). In order to ensure that the program can be concluded quickly, Firestone will also offer consumers Steeltex R4SII LR E and Bridgestone Duravis M773II LR E tires.

Replacements will be available at authorized participating Firestone retailers and Ford dealerships. Firestone and Ford are working together to expedite tire supply to complete this campaign as quickly as possible. For questions and additional information about how to identify the tires covered under this program and where to get free replacements, consumers may contact Firestone toll free at: 1-800-465-1904 or Ford toll free at: 1-800-392-3673 or via the web: www.firestone.com.

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